

## County Commission 2012 Goals

### 1. Capital Improvements

#### a. New Courthouse

- Painting of Exterior Bricks on Magistrate Building  
Action Item: Obtain Estimate for Work
- Obtain funding for FM200 system in "old" vault  
Action Item: Obtain Grant for System
- Completion of Geothermal Work  
Action Item: Decision about who pays to complete work  
Action Item: Legislative push to lower annual permitting fee

#### b. Hospital Property

- Decision on the Intended Use of Hospital and Other Office Buildings on Fairfax Street Campus  
Action Item: Renew communication with WVOSM  
Action Item: Contact Judd Roth about VASH program possibilities  
Action Item: Begin dialogue with Blue Ridge Tech. College  
Action Item: Send out RFQ for Commercial Realtor  
Action Item: Contact local non-profits to ascertain interest in property & ability to pay rent
- Continue to Work on Funding Sources for 522 Fairview Drive connector road by new hospital  
Action Item: Pursue Tiger Grant and any other funding that is available  
Action Item: Meet with DOH to lobby for their support on this project

### 2. Planning

#### a. Complete Work on Placement of Communication Towers (COPS Grant)

- Action Item: Find Carrier for Paw Paw Tower
- Action Item: Complete Environmental Assessment and Tower on Grimley Property
- Action Item: Decision on Placement of Tower on Dividing Ridge
- Action Item: Complete Tower at Panorama Location

#### b. Formation of New Rural Water Committee

- Action Item: Establish Goals and Appoint Members
- Action Item: Search for Grant Funding for County Water Source

#### c. Soccer Field Remediation Plan

- Action Item: Use FOCUS grant to reach community consensus on project
- Action Item: Pursue funding for actual remediation through EPA grant

#### d. Paw Paw Rail Trail Project

- Action Item: Complete EA and move forward with initial design planning

#### e. Alleviate Truck Traffic on Route 522

- Action Item: Contact State PSC to see if a weigh station is a possibility

#### f. Develop remaining 16 acre parcel adjacent to Route 522 Ballpark

- Action Item: Bring stakeholders together to achieve consensus on best use of property

#### g. Reconfiguration of Community Center

- Action Item: Decision on placement of Boys and Girls Club and Health Dept. if Senior Center moves to new location.

### **3. Economic Development**

- a. Establishment of Infrastructure Council  
Action Item: Decide who members should be and create council goals and priorities
- b. Continued Support for Expansion Project at Cacapon State Park  
Action Item: Travel to Charleston in support of SB 362  
Action Item: Appointments with Governor and Finance Chairs to discuss funding  
Action Item: Partner with Wayne County Commission  
Action Item: Rally Community Support
- c. Improve water system at 522 Business Park  
Action Item: Seek grants for improved system  
Action Item: Streamline maintenance of system

### **4. Personnel**

- a. Create employee computer use policy  
Action Item: County Administrator to create policy for all commission employees and present to Wage and Review Board for consideration County-wide

### **5. Animal Control**

- a. New Location  
Action Item: Find appropriate County owned property for location  
Action Item: Apply for available grants to fund the project

### **6. Community Corrections**

- a. Decrease Jail Bill  
Action Item: Find funding in 2012 Budget to continue community service program/apply for any available grants  
Action Item: Discuss during Legislative Summit  
Action Item: Support full-time circuit court judge based in Morgan County  
Action Item: Assess possibility of making Community Correction Committee a County Board  
Action Item: Evaluate charging a fee for community service

### **7. Comcast Franchise Renewal**

- a. Expand and improve service area and quality of service  
Action Item: Support Comcast Committee  
Action Item: Schedule public hearing for public input in March  
Action Item: Negotiate new franchise agreement in May  
Action Item: Request in-county TV studio

### **8. Healthcare/911**

- a. Continue to monitor emergency and medical transport services  
Action Item: Follow up meetings in June and December
- b. Develop easy access to drug treatment programs

- Action Item: Consider placement of such services in former hospital
  - c. Evaluate locating a renal dialysis center in Morgan County
    - Action Item: Contact Devita and Fresenius about satellite clinic
  - d. Improve local access to counseling and mental health services
    - Action Item: Work with healthcare providers

## 9. Transportation

- a. Improve road signage throughout the County
  - Action Item: Seek out grants
  - Action Item: Identify and focus on key problem areas
  - Action Item: Work with WVDOH for solutions
- b. Better communication with WVDOH on local activities/priorities
  - Action Item: Quarterly meetings
- c. Designate bypass routes to be used in the event of highway closures
  - Action Item: Discuss with WVDOH
- d. Work with Chamber GPS Committee to improve mapping system

## 10. Technology

- a. Create a data base for maintenance tickets
  - Action Item: Support IT Director
- b. House demographic and other useful data on County website
  - Action Item: Support IT Director
- c. Post Commission Meeting information packets on County website
  - Action Item: Commission Secretary to scan and email packet to IT Director

## 11. Telecommunications

- a. Maximize broadband service in Morgan County homes and businesses
  - Action Item: Work with EDA Telecommunications Taskforce
  - Action Item: Support Regional Broadband Planning Team
- b. Encourage cell phone carriers to locate on County towers
  - Action Item: Invite carriers to a Commission meeting to discuss barriers to service
  - Action Item: Encourage carriers already providing services in County to expand

## 12. Environmental

- a. Review Marcellus Shale drilling report
  - Action Item: Forward regulatory requests to legislature
  - Action Item: Determine what actions need to be made on a County level
  - Action Item: Explore legislation requiring that State permits for deep well drilling be compatible with Morgan County Planning requirements

## County Commission 2012 Continuing Objectives

### 1. Budget

- a. Annual Review of Property and Health Insurance Premiums and Options
- b. Review of Budgets Presented by Elected Officials
  - Decision and Implementation Based on Budget Limitations
  - Continue the effort to reduce taxes by determining areas of cost savings
  - Continue to be financially conservative with the budget
- c. Review of Hotel/Motel Budget and Funding Requests
  - Decision and Implementation Based on Budget Limitations
- d. Annual Review of all Outstanding Loans and CD's
  - Comparison of Interest Rates and Perks
- e. Continue the Pursuit of Grants and Alternative Funding with Grant Assistance for All Offices
- f. Continue with use of Webmaster for IT Problems for Future Cost Savings
  - Continue to improve county web site
- g. Continue saving to pay down courthouse debt

### 2. Economic Development

- a. Continue to support the Development Authority in their pursuit of business placement in both County Business Parks
  - Continue to Improve County Infrastructure by Increasing broadband/cell phone coverage/water/sewer/etc.
- b. Increase marketing for business and tourism through continued support of Chamber of Commerce, Travel Berkeley Springs, and EDA
- c. Support and use Berkeley Springs YouTube Channel
- d. Support earned media campaign for national coverage of Morgan County

### 3. Technology

- a. Continue Improvement of County Website
  - Action Item: Presentation by Dave McDonald on Current Website
- b. Continue Efforts to Improve Internet connectivity
  - Action Item: Uniform Email Addresses for All County Offices
  - Action Item: Use of County Website by All Offices for Online Forms, etc.
- c. Advocate for citizens to sign up for County email service
  - Action Item: Advertise and encourage participation

### 4. Personnel

- a. Continue Development of Goals, Objectives, Commission Policies, etc.
  - Continue to improve on county policies, staff efficiency & customer service

### 5. Boards

- a. Continue to Review Board Appointments

- Interview New Appointees and Re-appointees
- Annual meetings with county boards
- Continue the work of the Morgan County Criminal Justice Board to evaluate jail bail cost savings by using community service, day report center and establishing policies to help cut costs.
- Continued Grant Assistance

6. Animal Control

- a. Continue to refine the intake/disposition forms
- b. Continue to work cooperatively with MCHS
- c. Continue personnel training programs for increased cost savings
- d. Continue to seek grants in an effort to build a new facility